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PHILADELPHIA--FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR J. HOOVER DESCRIBED ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S INFORMANT SYSTEM AS A "CAMPAIGN OF VITUPERATION," INSPIRED FOR THE MOST PART BY COMMUNISTS.

HE SAID IT IS THROUGH THE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXPOSE THE KREMLIN CONSPIRACY IN THE U. S.

"THAT IS WHY SUCH A VICIOUS AND SUSTAINED ATTACK HAS BEEN MADE AGAINST FORMER COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SECRET, DIABOLICAL PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY," HE SAID.

HOOVER SPOKE AT THE 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION HERE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE.

HOOVER SAID THAT THE USE OF INFORMERS WAS "AS OLD AS MAN" AND THAT ITS FIRST RECORDED USE COULD BE FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

"AS A MEANS OF ESTABLISHING TRUTH," HE SAID, "THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT IS USED NOT ONLY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT IN PRACTICALLY EVERY WALK OF LIFE, PARTICULARLY BY THE PRESS AND OUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS."

YET, HE SAID, IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN "A DETERMINED CAMPAIGN" TO DEPRIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SYSTEM.

"THIS CAMPAIGN OF VITUPERATION IS PART AND PARCEL OF COMMUNIST STRATEGY TO CONVERT THE COURTROOM INTO A FORUM TO DISCREDIT THE JUDICIAL PROCESSES," HE SAID. "FOR THE MOST PART THE TECHNIQUE OF THE SMEAR HAS BEEN DEVISED BY COMMUNIST LAWYERS SKILLED IN CONCEALING FOUL AND DESPICABLE ACTS BEHIND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT."

ALLEN W. DULLES, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, TOLD THE POLICE CHIEFS THAT A "TRAINED AND LOYAL POLICE FORCE" IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST COMMUNISM IN COUNTRIES NEAR THE IRON CURTAIN.

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